

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

Entered August 21, 1989

IN THE MATTER OF PENDING
NATURALIZATION PETITIONS

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ORDER NO. 89-3

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It is ORDERED that all petitioners who filed pending naturalization petitions prior to January 1, 1986 shall be presented for citizenship by the Immigration & Naturalization Service no later than the citizenship ceremony set for October 13, 1989; all petitioners who filed pending naturalization petitions prior to January 1, 1988 shall be presented for citizenship no later than the citizenship ceremony set for December 8, 1989. All such petitions not processed at such times will be dismissed without prejudice for want of prosecution unless good cause is shown in each case for its retention on the Court's docket.

The Court shall review the status of the naturalization docket following the October 13, 1989 hearing and enter appropriate orders relating to the expeditious processing of all citizenship petitions filed during the 1988 and 1989 calendar years and still then remaining on the Court's docket.

The Immigration & Naturalization Service may present additional petitioners at such hearings to a maximum number of 2,000 petitioners at each hearing.

The ceremony scheduled for August 25, 1989, shall proceed in accordance with past procedures whereby the Immigration & Naturalization Service exercises its discretion as to the petitioners to be presented but not to exceed 2,000 petitioners.

It is further ORDERED that commencing September 1, 1989 no petition for naturalization shall be filed without a certification by the Immigration & Naturalization Service that the petitioner has met all prerequisites for naturalization and is in all respects eligible for citizenship. Such certification may be waived for good cause and with leave of the Court first being obtained.

All naturalization petitions filed after January 1, 1990, shall be heard within 120 days of the date of the filing of the petition. The Immigration & Naturalization Service shall, by motion for hearing, bring to the court's attention any such petition pending in court in excess of 120 days as reflected by Immigration & Naturalization records.

SIGNED this 21st day of August, 1989 at Houston, Texas.

/s/
JAMES DeANDA
Chief Judge
United States District Court